▷ LEARNED "THE GOLDEN RULE".

Re:Monster

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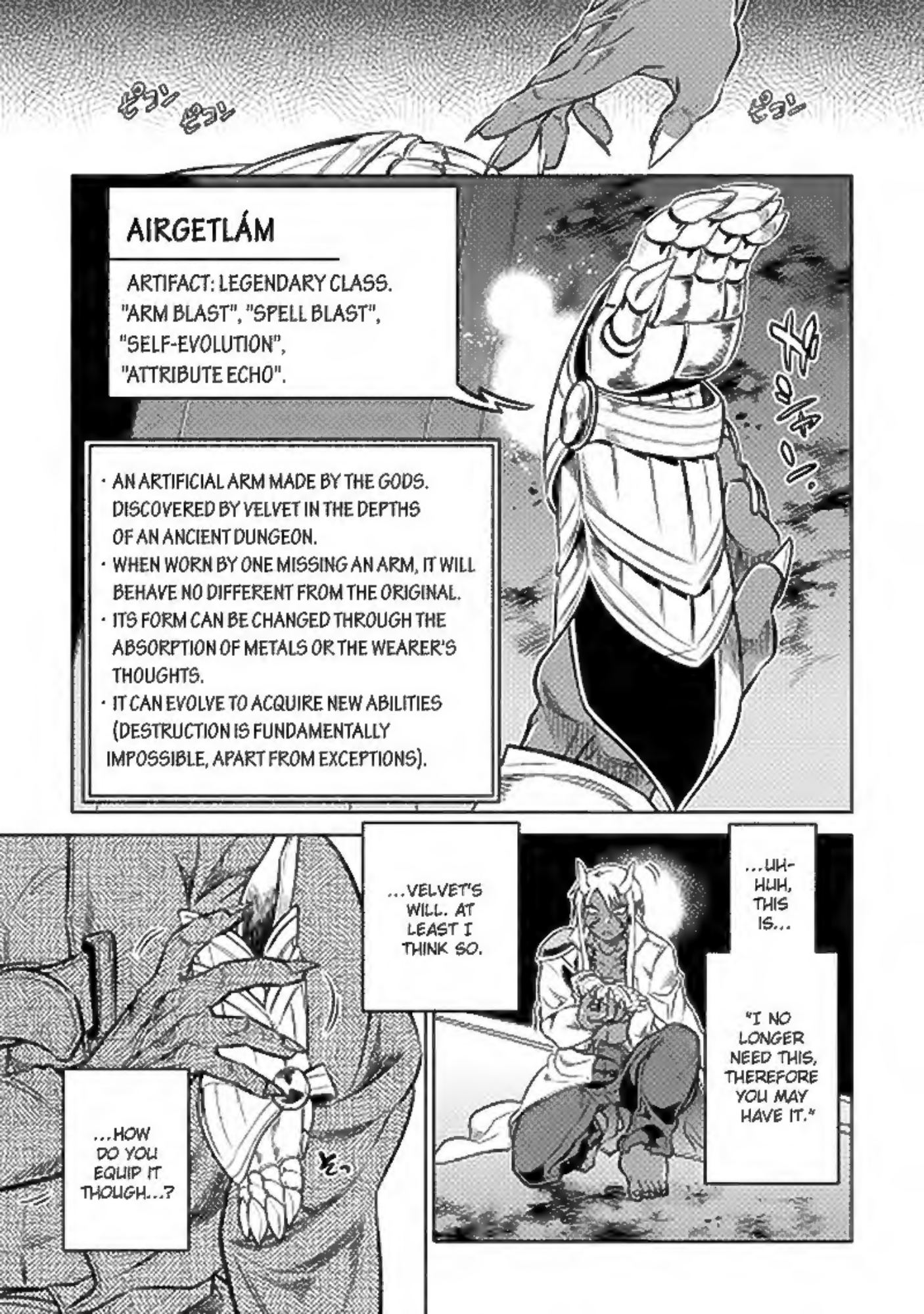
...WE BEGAN COLLECTING ALL OF THE TREASURE IN THE ROOM.
AFTER OFFERING A PRAYER FOR RETURNER..
I MAY NEED TO THANK THOSE ADVEN-TURERS AS WELL...
KEEP PUTTING STUFF IN.
ALRIGHT..
WE STILL HAD SPACE LEFT EVEN AFTER TAKING EVERYTHING.
THE ITEM BOX SURE IS GREAT.
...SO I DECIDED TO CREMATE HIM AND TAKE THE THRONE AS WELL.
IT WOULD BE A LITTLE SAD TO JUST LEAVE THE MUMMY HERE...

...BUT HIS ARTIFICIAL ARM REMAINED THERE.
WHEN I OPENED MY EYES, THE FLAME WAS ALREADY GONE...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AIRGETLÁM
ARTIFACT: LEGENDARY CLASS.
"ARM BLAST", "SPELL BLAST",
"SELF-EVOLUTION",
"ATTRIBUTE ECHO".
・AN ARTIFICIAL ARM MADE BY THE GODS. DISCOVERED BY VELVET IN THE DEPTHS OF AN ANCIENT DUNGEON.
・WHEN WORN BY ONE MISSING AN ARM, IT WILL BEHAVE NO DIFFERENT FROM THE ORIGINAL.
・ITS FORM CAN BE CHANGED THROUGH THE ABSORPTION OF METALS OR THE WEARER'S THOUGHTS.
・IT CAN EVOLVE TO ACQUIRE NEW ABILITIES (DESTRUCTION IS FUNDAMENTALLY IMPOSSIBLE, APART FROM EXCEPTIONS).
...UH-HUH, THIS IS...
"I NO LONGER NEED THIS, THEREFORE YOU MAY HAVE IT."
...VELVET'S WILL. AT LEAST I THINK SO.
...HOW DO YOU EQUIP IT THOUGH...?

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THE PAIN WAS SO EXTREME THAT I THOUGHT I WOULD PASS OUT.
IN AN INSTANT, THE SILVER ARM GREW TO THE SAME SIZE AS MY RIGHT ARM.
THAT MUST BE THE "SELF-EVOLUTION" ABILITY...
MY NEW ARM FIT PERFECTLY, AS IF IT HAD ALWAYS BEEN THERE.
WHILE I CAN FEEL SENSATIONS THROUGH IT, IT DOES NOT FEEL ANY PAIN... IT'S JUST BEYOND ME...
I'M NOT SURE HOW TO EXPLAIN IT...
WHEN DID YOU...
WHAT'S WITH THAT ARM?
...HUH?

NOT ONLY CAN IT ROTATE AND CHANGE FORM AT WILL, I CAN EVEN USE MY POISON AND STRINGS LIKE BEFORE.
BUT ABOVE ALL ELSE, I NOW HAVE A FUNCTIONAL HAND.
OH
AFTER SOME EXPERI-MENTING,
I FOUND THAT IT HAS A WIDE RANGE OF CAPABILITIES.
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HAVING WON A GREAT VICTORY AND COMPLETED WHAT WE WERE ASKED TO DO...
IT'S OVER
ALRIGHT YOU GUYS,
PREPARE SOME FOOD AND GATHER EVERYONE!
WE'RE HAVING A FEAST!

AN IMPORTANT THING I FORGOT TO MENTION IS THAT THE ADVENTURERS HAD SOME ALCOHOL WITH THEM.
ALCOHOL! I CAN DRINK ALCOHOL!!
...EH?
BUT IT'S A MATTER OF HOW I FEEL.
VELVET DIED LONG AGO, SO THERE MIGHT NOT BE MUCH POINT TO IT,
WHY IS GOBLIN ROU SO ENTHUSIASTIC?
NO IDEA
I ALSO INTEND TO MOURN FOR RETURNER AND VELVET.
ISN'T THAT YOUR 3RD GLASS?
CHEEEERS
BWA-HAA
I CALMLY EXPLAINED TO THE HUMAN GIRLS THAT THE ADVENTURERS
WERE JUST SO GREEDY THEY DIDN'T EVEN CARE TO LISTEN.
BUT STILL,
ALCOHOL IS GREAT!
WHAT'S THIS? IT'S GOOD.

【 DAY 38 】

HE WASN'T A LEGENDARY MAGICIAN FOR NOTHING... MOST OF THE ITEMS ARE JUST UNBELIEVABLE...
AFTER MORNING TRAINING, THE SMITH AND I INSPECTED YESTERDAY'S LOOT.
HOLD ON A MINUTE...
...AH,
ERROR!
ERROR!
UNFORTUNATELY, MY "APPRAISAL" SKILL IS AT A LOW LEVEL, SO I WASN'T ABLE TO SEE A LOT OF INFORMATION.
WE ENDED UP SPENDING THE ENTIRE DAY INSPECTING THE NEW ITEMS.
THOUGH EVEN SHE COULDN'T SEE EVERYTHING...
IT'S A GOOD THING THAT BEING A PEDDLER HAD RAISED HER "APPRAISAL" SKILL LEVEL BEYOND MINE,

【 DAY 39 】

IS EVE-RYONE HERE?

...OKAY,

I ENDED UP GIVING TWO ITEMS TO EACH OF THE TEN HOBGOBLINS HERE.

LETTING ALL THOSE GREAT ITEMS JUST LIE AROUND WOULD BE A WASTE,

BUT NOT EVERYONE CAN HANDLE THE IDEA OF POSSESSING SOMETHING SO POWERFUL.

YES!

BE CAREFUL WITH IT.

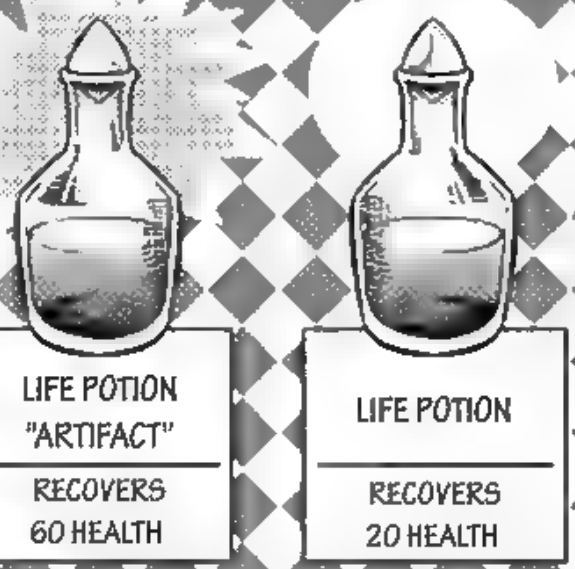
AND ON MY RIGHT ARM WAS A MAGIC BRACELET CALLED "FURY OF THE ALOOF KING".

I PERSONALLY TOOK A NEW WEAPON FOR MYSELF,

A SPEAR CALLED "KAZIKLI BEY".

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF WHAT THEY CALL "ANCIENT DUNGEONS" IN THIS WORLD, INSIDE OF WHICH YOU CAN FIND SUCH ITEMS.

IT SEEMS, EVEN IF "ARTIFACTS" LOOK THE SAME AS NORMAL ITEMS, THEY CAN HAVE SPECIAL ABILITIES AND BE TWO TO THREE TIMES MORE EFFECTIVE.



ALONG WITH THE SILVER ARM, I NOW POSSESS THREE "ARTIFACTS" OF "LEGENDARY" CLASS.

...I SUPPOSE I SHOULD EXPLAIN WHAT "ARTIFACTS" ARE.

ABOUT "ARTIFACT"

WHICH TELLS YOU JUST HOW AMAZING VELVET WAS.

SEEMS LIKE ITEMS AT "ANCIENT" CLASS AND ABOVE ARE ALMOST ALL "ARTIFACTS".

AND "LEGENDARY" IS THE GRADE CLASS OF AN ITEM.

THERE ARE SEVEN DIFFERENT CLASSES OF ITEMS, LIKE "UNIQUE", WHICH IS VALUABLE ENOUGH TO BE A NATIONAL TREASURE.

ITEM RANK CHART

WELL, I JUST GENERALLY LACK A LOT OF INFORMATION..
AND THERE'S NO KNOWING JUST HOW AMAZING OF A CLASS "PHANTASM" IS.
ENTIRE COUNTRIES WOULD MOVE FOR THE SAKE OF A "LEGENDARY" ITEM.
CA..
AND...
CAN I COME WITH YOU?
T WON'T END AT JUST AN INJURY
REMEMBER NOT TO ACT ON YOUR OWN
IN THE AFTERNOON, I GATHERED THE TEN HOBGOBLINS...
...TO GO HUNT HIND BEARS TO GATHER INGREDIENTS FOR THAT BEAR SOUP.
WILL THIS REALLY BE FINE?
PURELY BECAUSE SHE REFUSED TO TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER..
...THE RED SHORT HAIR CAME ALONG AS WELL.

THE BEAR HUNTING WENT PRETTY WELL.
MY ROLE TODAY WAS JUST SUPPORT.
WITH OUR MAGIC ITEMS AND TEAMWORK,
HIND BEARS ARE MERELY TOUGH OPPONENTS.
THE IMPORTANT PART WAS THAT THE HUNT GREATLY INCREASED EVERYONE'S LEVELS.

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-ESS...
AND THE BEAR SOUP I DESIRED WAS DELI-CIOUS!
...SO I MIGHT HAVE TO DO SOMETHING... I THINK.
I'D ALSO LIKE MORE SOUP.
...RED SHORT HAIR DIDN'T DO ALL THAT MUCH...
I ALSO WANT SOME ALCO-HOL...
【 DAY 40 】

...I USED THE RAINY WEATHER TO HOLD THE THIRD HIERARCHY TOURNAMENT
SINCE IT WAS A GOOD CHANCE TO FILL THE FORMER HOBGOBLIN LEADER'S SPACE...
IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO VISIT A TOWN WITH THE HUMAN GIRLS SOMETIME SOON.
I DIDN'T TAKE PART BECAUSE I'M AN OGRE.
BUT I DID GET TO SEE HOW EVE-RYONE'S LEVELING PRETTY WELL.

THERE'S NOTHING STRONGER THAN ME HERE ANYMORE, SO I'D HAVE TO MOVE OUT SOONER OR LATER..
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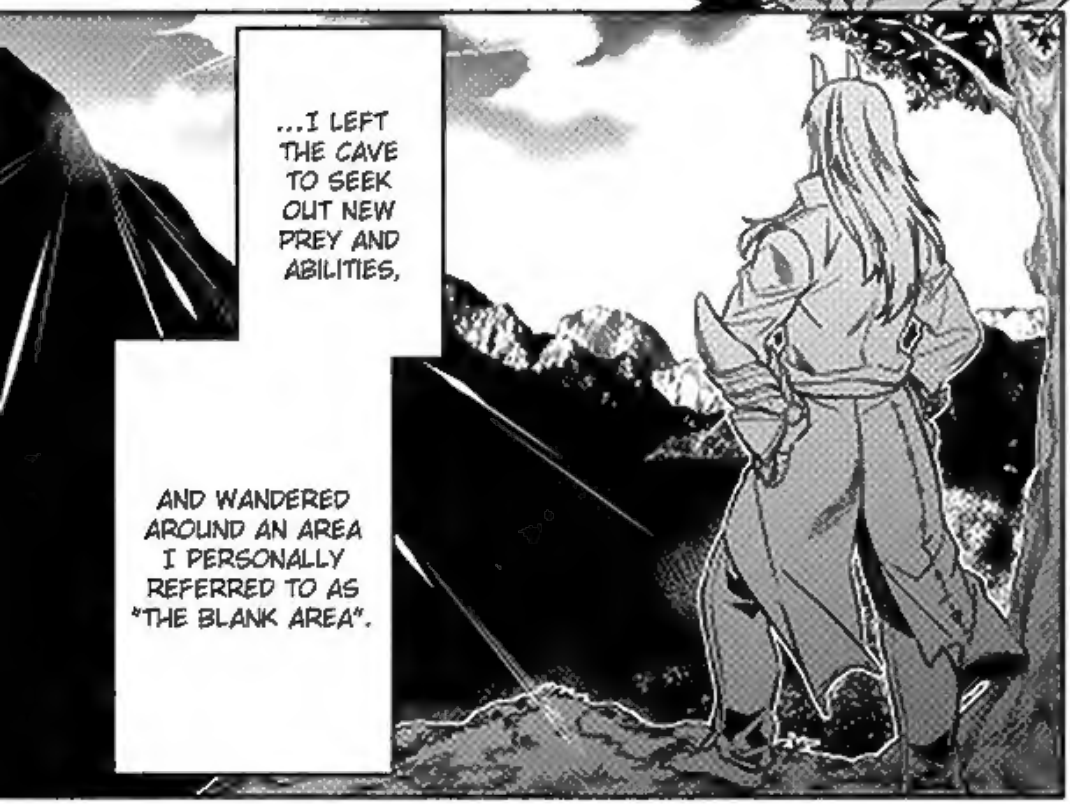
...OH, FORMING A MERCENARY COMPANY COULD BE INTERESTING.

【 DAY 41 】


...I LEFT THE CAVE TO SEEK OUT NEW PREY AND ABILITIES,
AND WANDERED AROUND AN AREA I PERSONALLY REFERRED TO AS "THE BLANK AREA".

AS SOON AS THE SUN ROSE...

THAT BOREDOM IS A GOOD REASON FOR THIS...
BECAUSE I CAN'T PARTICIPATE IN MORNING TRAINING, I HAD MADE CLOTHES AND SLEEPING BAGS FOR EVERYONE OUT OF BOREDOM.

THE FIRST THING I ENCOUNTERED TODAY WAS A "GOLDEN SPIDER".
IT WAS QUICK DESPITE ITS SIZE, ITS STRING WAS RIDICULOUSLY STRONG, AND ITS GOLDEN CARAPACE WAS TOUGH.
GIVEN ALL THAT, IT TOOK A WHILE TO BEAT IT.
AFTER EATING THE MEAT, WHICH WAS BETTER THAN A DEMON SPIDER'S, I KEPT THE CARAPACE SINCE IT LOOKED VALUABLE.
...I GOT A LITTLE TOO CARRIED AWAY AND KILLED ANOTHER EIGHT BECAUSE OF THE TASTE.
▷ LEARNED: "GOLDEN SILK CREATION", "ADAMANTINE SPIDER CARAPACE".
OOOH
THE THREADS I MAKE ARE NOW STRONGER AND A BEAUTIFUL GOLDEN COLOR.
I COULD MAKE ACCESSORIES OUT OF THEM NOW.

AFTERWARDS I ENCOUNTERED A "RED DEER" WITH HORNS SEEMINGLY MADE OF ROSE QUARTZ.
DESPITE ITS ELEGANT APPEARANCE, IT'S ROUGH AND HAS A NASTY CHARGE.
BECAUSE OF THE HORNS AND ITS PELT, I CAREFULLY KILLED IT WITH POISON.
WELL, I SHOULD GET AN ABILITY IF I EAT ANOTHER TWO OR THREE, SO NO NEED TO WORRY THERE.

...AND, WELL,
I JUST WANDERED AROUND THE FOREST LIKE THAT.
WHILE I WAS NEAR A LARGE TREE,
I EN-COUNTERED A LITTLE BIT OF TROUBLE...
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